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Veterinary

Duties of District Veterinary Officers.

* 325 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many veterinary dispensaries and how many touring veterinary officers are there in each district;

(*b*) whether each district has got a District Veterinary Officer;

(*c*) what the work and duties are of District Veterinary Officers; and

(*d*) how many times in a year do they inspect each veterinary dispensary and how many times the work of each touring veterinary officer?

A.—(*a*) *Veterinary hospitals and dispensaries.*—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to Appendix IV of the Administration Report of the Madras Civil Veterinary Department for the year 1932–33.

Touring veterinary assistant surgeons.—A statement is appended.[a]

(*b*) No. There are only twelve such officers with headquarters and jurisdiction as shown in Appendix II.

(*c*) & (*d*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 8 of the Manual of the Madras Civil Veterinary Department which is available in the Legislative Council Library.

Education

Invalidity of elections to District Educational Councils held in advance of the expiry of the term of a member.

* 326 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recently issued a memo. to all District Educational Councils, intimating that all elections held in advance before the expiry of the term of a member would be invalid; and

(*b*) what the reasons are that have induced the Government to issue this memo. in the case of the District Educational Councils?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No such general memorandum has been issued. Two District Educational Councils which raised the question have however been informed on the strength of the Advocate-General's opinion that elections in advance of vacancies are not permissible.

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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" May I ask what objection there is to the communication of the order issued to those two particular District Educational Councils to all the other Councils also, so that the error may not be repeated?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" These replies were sent to questions put by the two Councils themselves."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I know, Sir, whether such elections should be considered to be invalid?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" That is the opinion of the Advocate-General."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know if it is not advisable to issue a general circular to the other District Educational Councils, so that they may not repeat such irregularities?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" This follows from the provision in the Act itself and I do not think the Government need circularize an opinion especially in a legal matter like this."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know whether it is so stated in the order which has been sent to the two Councils?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Yes, it follows from the provision in the Act."

* Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" May I take it that in case an election is held in advance of the expiry of the term and no reference is made to the Government, the Government are willing to condone the irregularity?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" When an objection comes, it will be considered. Unless the matter is brought to the notice of the Government by a valid petition, I do not think it need be considered."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I know why the Government does not consider it advisable to send a circular to all Educational Councils that such an opinion has been recently taken from the Advocate-General?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" This opinion is neither recent, nor have such cases been so frequent as to necessitate the issue of a circular to all Councils."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will recognize such elections as have been conducted previously?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" They have not had occasion to recognize them as valid."

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Admission into the Queen Mary's College during the year 1933.

*327 *Q.*—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state with reference to the Queen Mary's College, Madras—

(*a*) the number of persons including those from the college who applied to join each class and group during the year 1933; and

(*b*) the number of applicants in each class and group rejected and why?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The particulars required are given in the statement appended. [a]

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know why 17 students in the first year class and seven students in the third year class were rejected last year? Is it for want of accommodation?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The reasons mentioned at the foot of the appendix applies to all the classes."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"Is the hon. Member aware of the fact that one of the reasons for the decline in the strength of the college is the bad treatment meted out to the girls by the Principal of the college?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"There is no such information before the Government."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"Is the hon. Member aware of the fact that the girls who are inmates of the hostel are constantly annoyed by burglars and rowdies on the roadside. If so, what steps were taken by the Principal to prevent the same?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The Government have not received any information about the steps taken."

S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I ask whether any facilities are given to Muslim students who seek admission to this college?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I do not know what particular facilities the hon. Member wants the Government to give. They have sufficient facilities even now."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know why students who get low marks are not admitted into this college? Am I to understand that the staff is so bad that they are incapable of coaching up the average students properly? These are girls who have passed the S.S.L.C. and the Intermediate examinations; and when the University allows them to go up, the Government obstructs them from going on with their further studies?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"In all Government colleges, they prescribe a certain percentage of marks for admission."

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